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For: Data Protection System For Removable Recording Medium

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Enclosed are

20 pages of specification, including 15 claims, plus 8 sheets of *formal* drawings.

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